

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 1 and 3. Amended Claim 1 is supported by at least original Claims 1 and 3.

Claim 4 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 1 and 4. Amended Claim 4 is supported by at least original Claims 1 and 4.

Claim 5 has been amended to depend from Claim 4 as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 6 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 6 and 8. Amended Claim 6 is supported by at least original Claims 6 and 8.

Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 6 and 10. Amended Claim 10 is supported by at least original Claims 6 and 10.

Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 11 and 12. Amended Claim 11 is supported by at least original Claims 11 and 12.

Claim 13 is amended to depend from Claim 11 rather than cancelled Claim 12.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 11 and 15. Amended Claim 15 is supported by at least original Claims 11 and 15.

Claim 22 has been amended to properly depend on Claim 19 and to correct an obvious and inadvertent clerical error causing an antecedent basis issue.

Claim 23 has been amended to correct an obvious and inadvertent clerical error causing an antecedent basis issue.

No New matter is added.

matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 11. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 13 and 14 and 16-18, which depends from Claim 11.

Claim 15 has been amended to include the limitations of original Claims 11 and 15, which contains allowable subject matter. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 15.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kaye (US 5,497,188). However, as explained above Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 12, which contained allowable subject matter. Claim 16 depends from amended Claim 11. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of Claims 11 and 16.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that Claims "3-5, 8, 10, and 12-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." The Examiner also stated that Claims 19-21 are allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter. As explained above, Applicants has made the appropriate amendments to make all remaining Claims allowable.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-11, 13-23 are pending in the present application. Allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. If there are any questions, please telephone Edward Mao at (408) 857-0559 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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